



***Substitute House Bill No. 5814***

***Public Act No. 05-219***

***AN ACT EXPANDING THE PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY OF  
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 20-12d of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

(a) A physician assistant who has complied with the provisions of sections 20-12b and 20-12c may perform medical functions delegated by a supervising physician when: (1) The supervising physician is satisfied as to the ability and competency of the physician assistant; (2) such delegation is consistent with the health and welfare of the patient and in keeping with sound medical practice; and (3) when such functions are performed under the oversight, control and direction of the supervising physician. The functions that may be performed under such delegation are those that are within the scope of the supervising physician's license, within the scope of such physician's competence as evidenced by such physician's postgraduate education, training and experience and within the normal scope of such physician's actual practice. Delegated functions shall be implemented in accordance with written protocols established by the supervising physician. All orders written by physician assistants shall be followed by the signature of

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the physician assistant and the printed name of the supervising physician. A physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license, (A) prescribe and administer drugs, including controlled substances in schedule IV or V in all settings, (B) renew prescriptions for controlled substances in schedule II, ~~III,~~ IV or V in ~~[outpatient]~~ all settings, and (C) prescribe and administer controlled substances in schedule II or III ~~[to an inpatient in a short-term hospital, chronic disease hospital, emergency room satellite of a general hospital, or, after an admission evaluation by a physician, in a chronic and convalescent nursing home, as defined in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies and licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-491]~~ in all settings, provided in all cases where the physician assistant prescribes a controlled substance in schedule II or III, the physician under whose supervision the physician assistant is prescribing shall ~~[cosign the order not later than twenty-four hours thereafter]~~ document such physician's approval of the order in the patient's medical record not later than one calendar day thereafter. The physician assistant may, as delegated by the supervising physician within the scope of such physician's license, request, sign for, receive and dispense drugs to patients, in the form of professional samples as defined in section 20-14c or when dispensing in an outpatient clinic as defined in the regulations of Connecticut state agencies and licensed pursuant to subsection (a) of section 19a-491 that operates on a not-for-profit basis, or when dispensing in a clinic operated by a state agency or municipality. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to allow the physician assistant to request, sign for, receive or dispense any drug the physician assistant is not authorized under this subsection to prescribe.

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